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FCC ANNOUNCES CHAIRS OF WORKING GROUPS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT

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This Public Notice serves as notice that Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai has appointed chairs for the three working groups for the Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment (ACDDE).

- Henry Rivera, Senior Advisor, Emma Bowen Foundation, will chair the Broadcast Diversity and Development Working Group.
- Heather Gate, Director of Digital Inclusion, Connected Nation, will chair the Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group.
- Marc H. Morial, President and CEO, National Urban League, will chair the Diversity in the Tech Sector Working Group.

Chairman Pai previously designated Julia Johnson, President, NetCommunications, LLC, to serve as Chair of the ACDDE, and Diane Sutter, President/CEO, ShootingStar Broadcasting, to serve as Vice Chair.

The ACDDE is organized under, and operates in accordance with, the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The ACDDE will hold its first meeting on **Monday, September 25, 2017**, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters, located at 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-C305, Washington, DC 20554. The ACDDE's mission will be to make recommendations to the Commission on how to empower disadvantaged communities and accelerate the entry of small businesses, including those owned by women and minorities, into the media, digital news and information, and audio and video programming industries, including as owners, suppliers, and employees. It will also be to provide recommendations to the Commission on how to ensure that disadvantaged communities are not denied the wide range of opportunities made possible by next-generation networks.

¹ Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

² FCC Announces the Membership, First Meeting and Docket Number of the Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment, GN 17-208, DA 17-857 (Sept. 8, 2017).

More information about the ACDDE is available at https://www.fcc.gov/advisory-committee-diversity-and-digital-empowerment. You may also contact Jamila Bess Johnson at Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov or (202) 418-2608; or Brenda Villanueva at Brenda.Villanueva@fcc.gov or (202) 418-7005.